**HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE**

**CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Board of Directors

February 10, 2025

Present:

Mike Kuehn - President Jeff Lloyd - Treasurer

Barb Stockton - Communications

Jim Patton - Fundraising and Grants Stacey Lloyd - Events Director

Kathy Cunningham - Volunteer Director

Also Present: Chief Bennett and Shawna Yonts, Commander

Meeting was called to order by Mike Kuehn at 11:15 am. The pledge was recited by those present.

Minutes from the January 2025 BOD meeting were approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT -** Jeff submitted a report with an expenses of $25 for dog food, $276 for flowers for Nancy Patton, a $1,085 deposit for a tent and GoDaddy transactions totaling $134.73. We currently have approximately 140 members including lifetime members.

**CHIEF BENNETT & COMMANDER YONTS -** There was a discussion of moving the CPA classes to Tuesday, but it was decided to keep it on Thursdays. Chief Bennett will send an updated application to Barb to post on the website. Chief Bennett and Commander Yonts spoke about some concerns in the Village with respect to sex offenders, the early release of a DV offender and a recent dangerous felon arrest. They agreed the judicial system is failing, not law enforcement. There have been too many plea deals citing crowded jails. Commander Yonts is working on finding a cooling vest for K9 Officer Nala. The one she has currently is bulletproof. Nala is still actively doing tracking training.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS -** Melanie reported a Bylaws meeting will be held on March 7 from 1-3pm at the Coronado Center.

EVENTS - Stacey is working on a recognition for our dispatchers in April. The Golf Outing is the main focus.

FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS - Jim is looking into grants for purchasing a camera for the Interview room, tourniquets, and the ongoing locker plan.

VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR - Nothing at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS - Barb reported updating the calendar through June of 2025. Pictures of recent events will be added, information prior to May of 2024 will be dropped from the website.

**OLD BUSINESS -** Commander Yonts re-did the 18+ MILO waiver, a juvenile waiver is needed. Jim is going to contact church security groups for MILO. We are able to offer personalized scenarios for churches using videos, Mike and Jim will work on that.

**NEW BUSINESS -** Jeff is going to assess the fingerprint machine for future PD use, There are no plans to use it soon. He also mentioned all red dot sights have been approved for the AR-15s which the officers will have after their training in March. The Board discussed raising the ongoing membership pricing. It was agreed to increase yearly membership dues to $35 per individual, no discount for spouses with an increase of lifetime memberships to $300 per individual without a discount for spouses. Chief Bennett suggested offering a $50 discount for spouses signing up the last night of CPA class. Jeff is looking into getting a credit card swiper through the bank, it was moved by Stacey, seconded by Mike, unanimous agreement.

OPEN DISCUSSION - The coffee station is being updated, Chief is hoping the POA will cover the expenses of the update including a new sink. A new coffee pot is needed, the Bunn is no longer working properly. Jeff motioned to bring in a Kuerig system, Jim seconded. Jeff or Stacey will look intro purchasing one. Mike said he is getting our banner replaced at a cost of $50. It will have our updated badge logo on it. The surprise tent for Chief Bennett is no longer a secret. She is trying to get the sale price honored.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Barb Stockton, Acting Secretary**